

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-34 are pending in this application. In light of the amendments and remarks contained herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding official action, the Examiner rejected claims 26-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and rejected claims 26-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Examiner additionally objected to the drawings.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with this amendment, Applicant has amended claim 26 to more appropriately recite the present invention. The amendment to claim 26 is clearly a non-narrowing claim amendment. Based upon this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections -35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

With regard to the Examiner' rejection of claims 26-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, by this amendment, Applicant has amended claim 28 to more appropriately recite the present

invention. The amendment to claim 28 is clearly a non-narrowing claim amendment. Based upon this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

Drawings

With regard to the Examiner's objection, as Applicants have amended claim 28 to remove the term "predetermined", there is no requirement that the drawings be amended in order to depict the combination "ratios for consideration of the plural displacements are changed with respect to the specific region, and the ratios for consideration are predetermined" as required by the Examiner. As such, it respectfully requested that the outstanding objection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinnet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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